Using Benchmarking to Identify Energy Efficiency Opportunity in Cleanrooms: The Labs 21 Approach





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Preview

- Premise
- Metrics
- Use of Benchmarks to Identify Where to look
- Use of Benchmarks to Identify Opportunity
- Use of Benchmarks to set Operational Targets
- Conclusion

Benefits of Benchmarking

- Establish Baseline to Track Performance
 Over Time
- Prioritize Where to Apply Energy Efficiency Improvement Resources
- Identify Best Practices
- Identify Maintenance and Operational Problems
- Operational Cost Savings

Energy Benchmarking

The Premise:

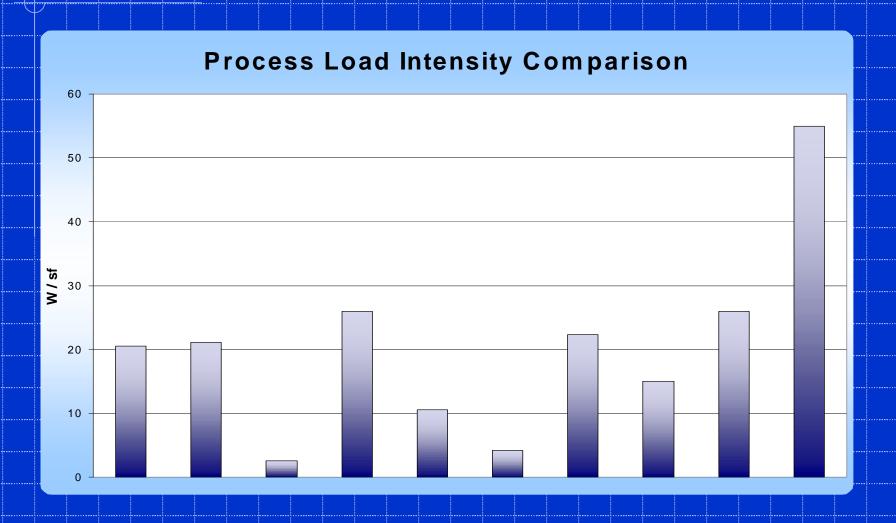
In Cleanrooms, Benchmarks of Energy End-Use and Efficiency of Key Systems Can Identify Areas for Potential Efficiency Improvement and Can Be Used to Set Operational Targets

System Efficiency vs. Production Metrics

 Compare System Efficiency Regardless of Process

> Production Metrics can mask inefficient systems

Process Electrical Load Intensity



Cleanroom HVAC metrics

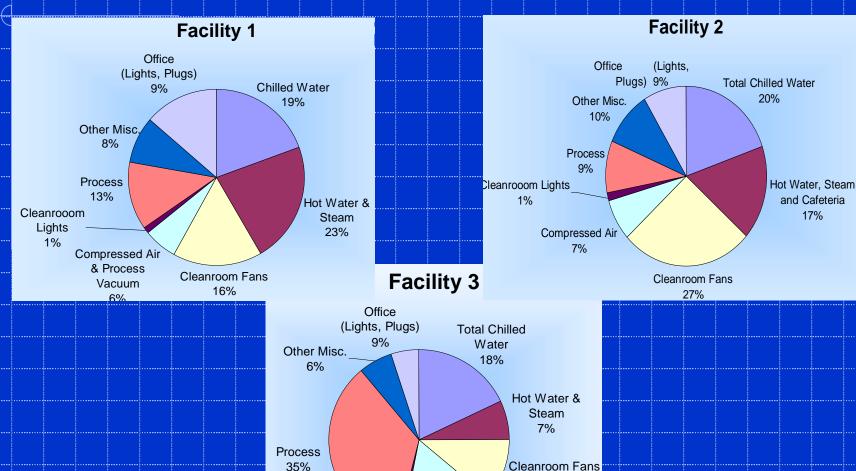
- Air systems cfm/kW
 - Recirculation
 - Make-up
 - Exhaust
- Cleanroom air changes ACH/hr
 - Recirculated, filtered air
 - Outside air (Make-up and Exhaust)
- HEPA Air Velocity ft/sec

Central Plant metrics

Chilled Water Efficiency – kW/ton

- Cooling tower/fans
- Condenser pump(s)
- Chilled water distribution pump(s)
- chiller

Energy End Use



Cleanrooom

Lights

1%

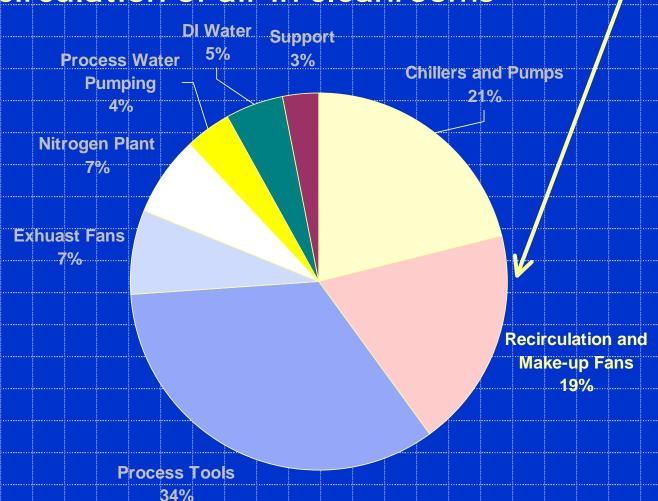
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Process Utilities

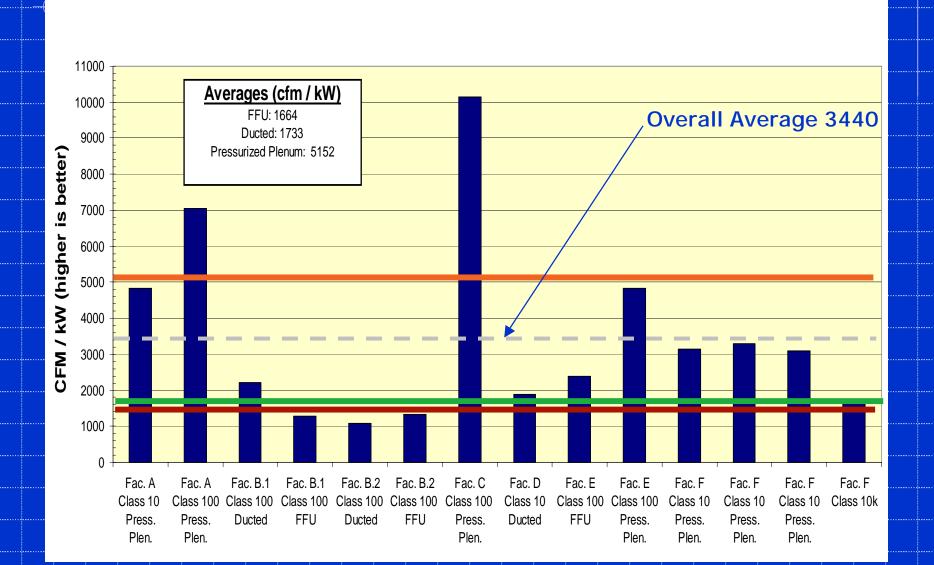
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Energy Intensive systems

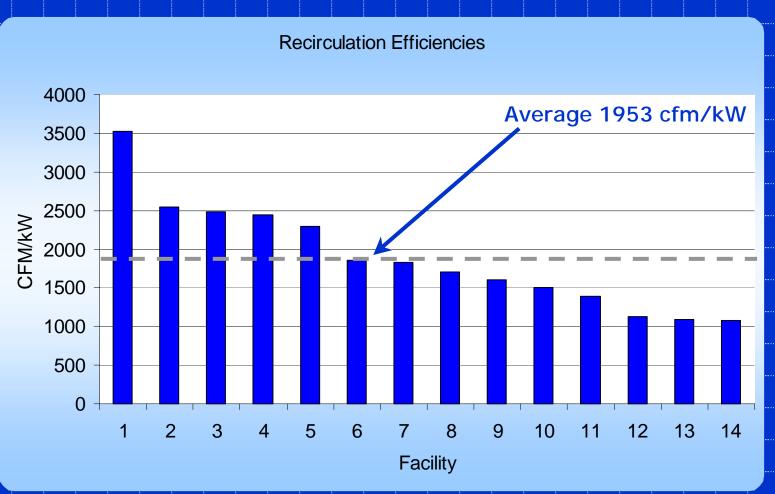




Recirculation Air Comparison



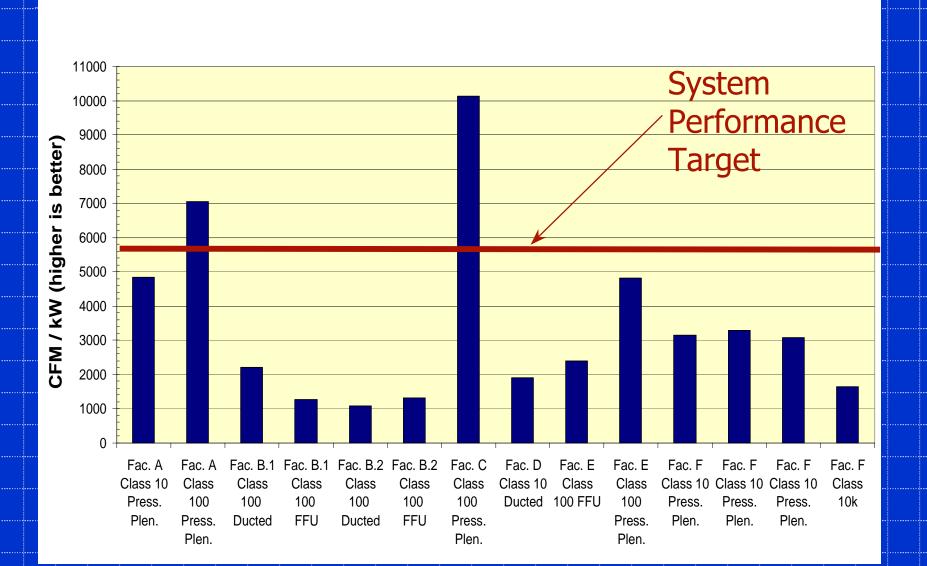
Recirculation System Efficiency – Industry Association Study



Using Benchmarks To Set Goals

Building Owners and Designers can use benchmark data to set energy efficiency goals.

Recirculation System Target



Looking Within the System...

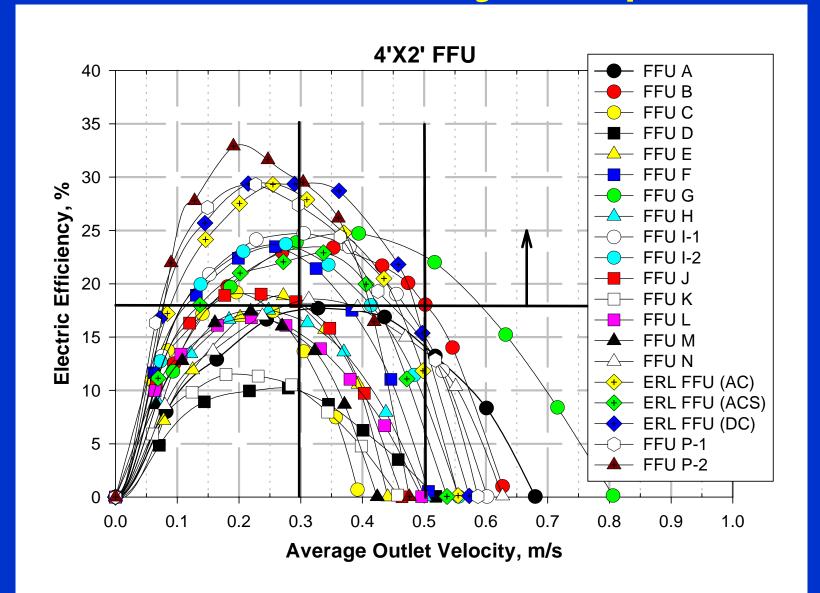
HVAC Efficiency Choices are Many

- Equipment Fans, Motors, Chillers,Controls, Filters, floor systems
- System Pressure Drop face velocity, duct velocity, chases, plenums, adjacency, layout
- ◇ Air change rates
- Ceiling coverage

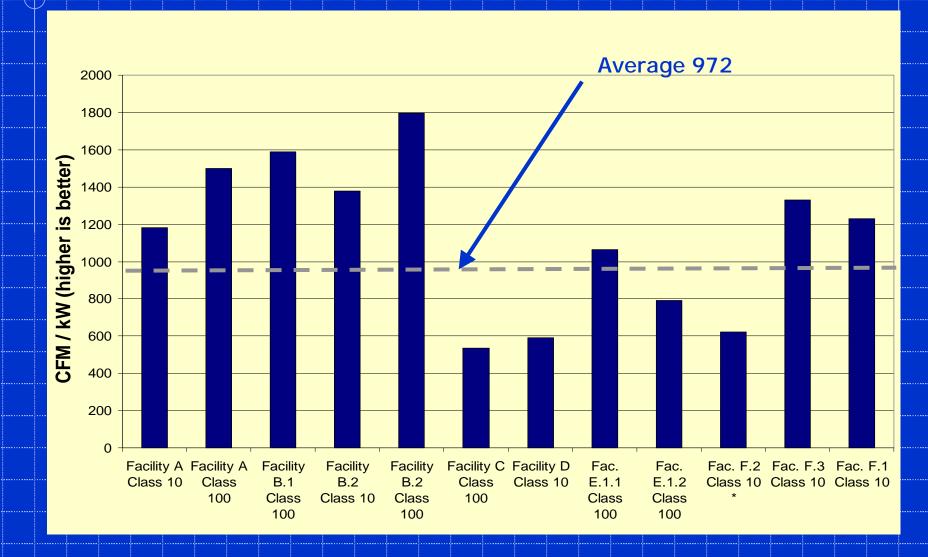
Here's one Choice: Ducted HEPA Filters



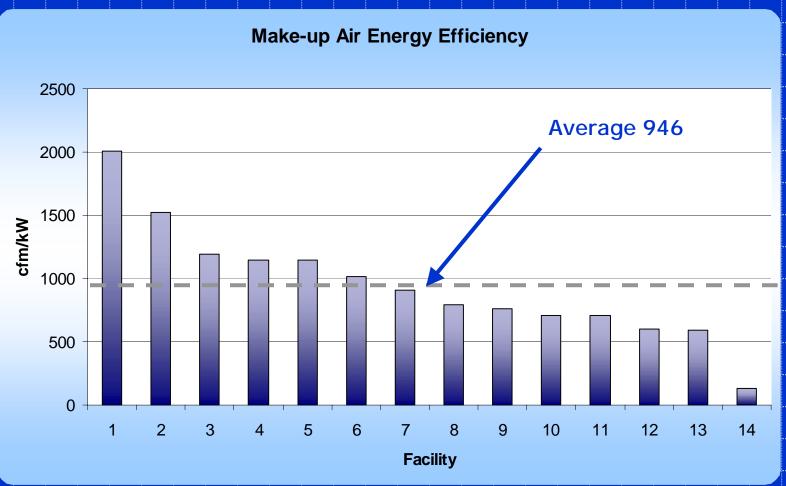
Fan-Filter Unit Electrical Efficiency Comparison



Make-up Air Comparison



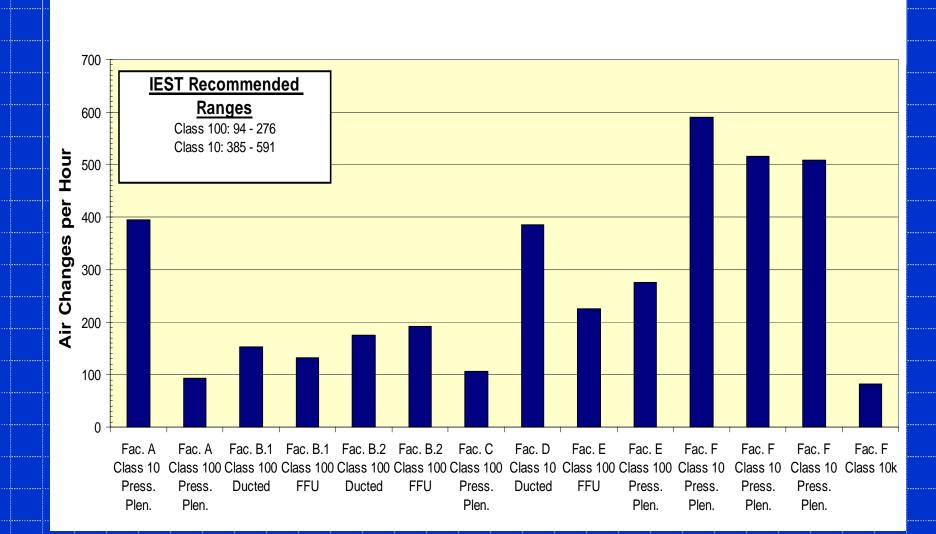
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Make-up System Efficiency Choices

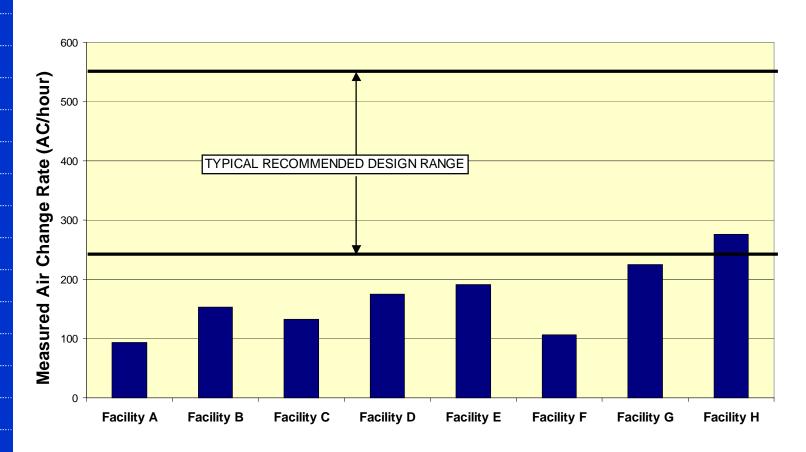
- Adjacency of air handler(s) to cleanroom
- Resistance of make-up air path
- Pressurization/losses
- Air handler face velocity
- Coil Pressure Drop
- Fan and motor efficiency
- Variable Speed

Air-Change Rate Comparison



A Closer Look at Air Change Rates

Cleanroom Benchmarking Data ISO Class 5 (Class 100) Cleanrooms



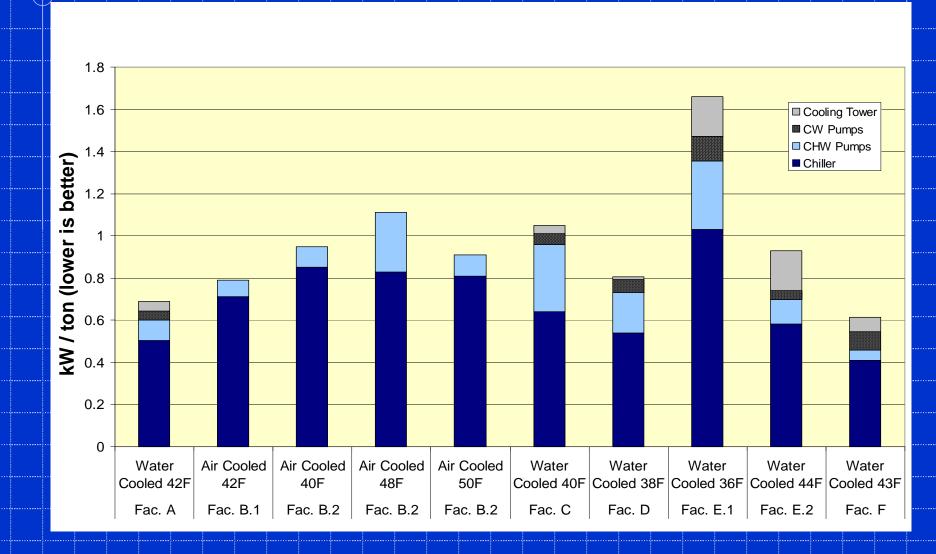
Air Change and Velocity Choices

IEST Recommended Recirculation
 Air Change Rates

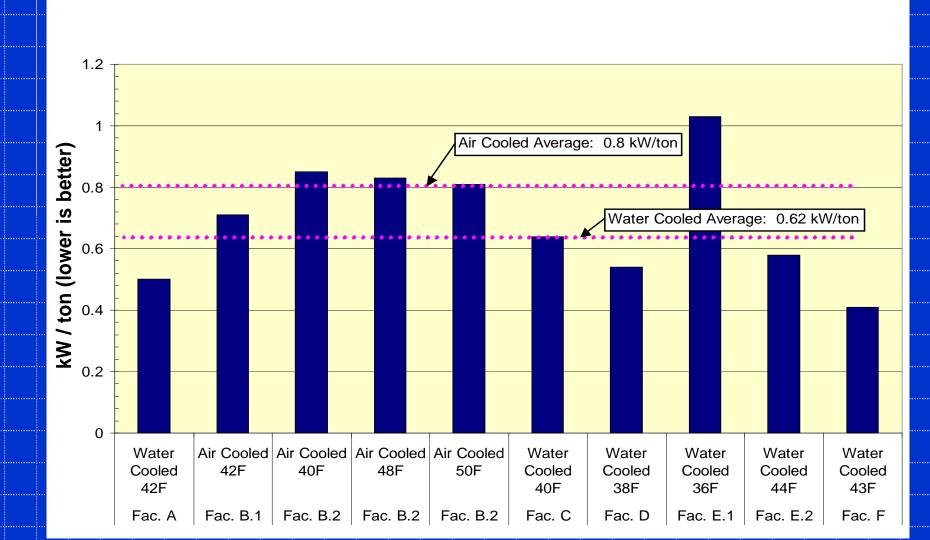
 Variable Speed Fans (start low with ability to increase)

- Ceiling Coverage
- Pressurization/Losses

Chilled Water Systems Comparison



Chiller Comparison



Chilled Water System Choices

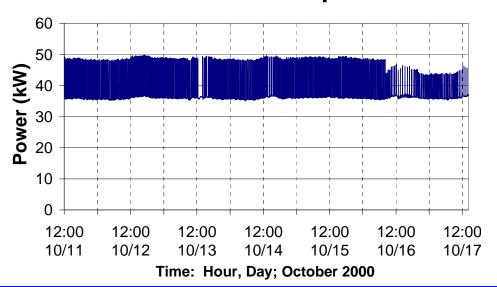
- Free Cooling
- Chiller Efficiency
- Variable Speed Chiller
- System Pressure drop
- Primary only or primary/secondary
- System controls
- Efficient Pumping
- Water vs. Air Cooled



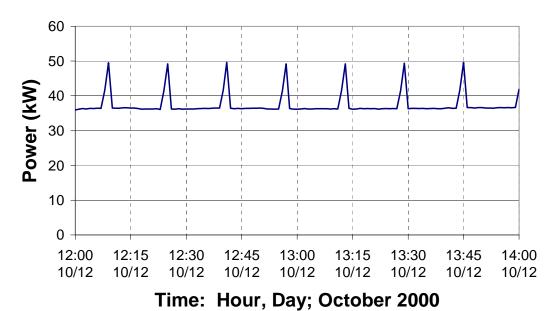
Labs 21 Also Recognizes the Nonenergy Benefits of Benchmarking

- Reliability Improvement
 - Controls
 - Setpoints
- Maintenance
 - Leaks
 - Motors, pumps, Fans
 - Filters
 - Chillers, boilers, etc.
- Safety
 - Hazardous air flow

Chilled Water Pump Power



Chilled Water Pump Power



Goal Setting Based Upon Benchmarks

- Facility and End Use "Energy Budgets"
- Efficiency Targets and/or Design Requirements for Key Systems and Components
 - Cfm/KW
 - KW/ton
 - System resistance i.e. Pressure drop
 - Face velocities
 - Etc.

Cleanroom Benchmarking highlights some important issues

- Contamination Control Can Often Be
 Obtained With Reduced Air Change Rates
- Cleanliness Rating is Often Higher Than
 Needed
- Existing Guidance for Chilled Water Systems is Under-utilized
- Criteria Based Upon Rules Of Thumb Should Be Examined (90ft/min, air change rates, etc.)

Conclusion

- Benchmarking Can Be Used To Find Efficiency Opportunity
- Building Owners, Operators, and Designers
 Can Use Benchmarks to Set Criteria
- More Robust Data is Needed To Identify All Current Best Practices
- If You Have Benchmark Data Share It!